Rainbow suncatcher

US terms



Finished size
About 4½ in (11.5 cm) across the ring

Skill
Easy
Worked in six short rounds, a color to a round, the last over a ring.

Yarn
Light (3), 6 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
17 stitches to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: yellow, round 1	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: orange, round 2	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pink, round 3	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: violet, round 4	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: blue, round 5	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: green, round 6 and the loop	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6). Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a metal ring about 4½ in (11.5 cm) across.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
sk	skip
beg	beginning
rnd	round

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Gauge

17 stitches to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 the piece measures about 2¾ in (7 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail to close it. Ch 4 joined into a ring with a sl st does as well.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- A beginning chain counts as the stitch in brackets after it. A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- When the next stitch or space of a kind is named, pass over anything else that comes before it. Work into a space round the chain, not into it.
- Join a new color with a sl st in the place named. Fasten off a color only where the round says so; where it does not, the same color goes on into the next round.

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, yellow; B, orange; C, pink; D, violet; E, blue; F, green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 15 dc in ring, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off A	**(16 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in first dc, ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), **[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 15 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4. Fasten off B	**(16 dc, 16 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 15 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off C	**(32 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join D with sl st in first dc, ch 1, sc in same st, ch 3, sk next dc, **[**sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next dc**] 15 times**, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off D	**(16 sc, 16 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join E with sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 4, **[**sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 4**] 15 times**, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off E	**(16 sc, 16 ch-4 sps)**

The last round is worked over the ring: hold the ring against the edge and work each sc through the space and round the ring, so that the ring lies inside the stitch.

☐ **Rnd 6**	Join F with sl st in any ch-4 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 4, **[**sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 4**] 15 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(16 sc, 16 ch-4 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Putting it together

For the loop, fold a 10 in (25 cm) length of yarn F in half and knot it round the ring at the top.

Finishing

- Weave in all ends with the yarn needle.

In all: 6 rounds; 112 stitches; 12 ends to weave in.

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